half way and the request of the Government of Kerala was accepted.

(e) The details of the programme of general elections to the Legislative Assemblies of West Bengal, Kerala and Jammu and Kashmir as announced by the Election Commission, are as follows:—

(1)	Issue of Notification	16-2-1987
(2)	Last date of making nominations for the election	23-2-1987
(3)	Date of scrutiny of nominations	24-2-1987
(4)	Last date of withdrawal of candidature in the case of Jammu and Kashmir and Kerala	27-2-1987
	AND	
	in the case of West Bengal	26-2-1987
(5)	Date of poll	23-3-1987

Thermal Power plants in Kerla

650. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has demanded setting up of a thermal power plant in the State to meet the growing power shortage;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister during his recent visit to the State had promised to undertake a feasibility study before a final decision is taken thereon, and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The Kerala State Electricity Board some time back had requested the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) to prepare a feasibility report for setting up a thermal power plant in the State. In October 1986 the Kerala Electricity Board changed the site. Work on preparation of the feasibility report of the project on the new site has commenced and some data required for the study has recently been furnished by the Kerala State Electricity Board.

Thermal units Installation in Dholpur

651. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal by Birlas to set up two thermal units of 200 megawatt each at Dholpur in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) So far the Government of Rajasthan has not forwarded any proposal to the Central Electricity Authority for setting up thermal generation capacity in the State by any company in the private sector.

Indigenous production of bulk drugs

652. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a programme for indigenous production of bulk drugs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The measures for rationalisation, quality control and growth of drugs and pharmaceutical industry announced recently by the Government are aimed at increasing indigenous production of bulk drugs. Copies of the document detailing these measures are available in the Parliament Library.

653. [*Transferred to the 5th March, 1987*].

Survey relating to natural gas fields

654. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has conducted any survey relating to the areas of natural gas fields in the country;

(b) if so, what are the areas surveyed by them with the estimated quantity of natural gas likely to be available; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to use gas in the Power generating stations and if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Surveys are not conducted exclusively for exploration of natural gas. ONGC have conducted surveys for hydrocarbons in the following basins:—

1. Upper Assam
2. Cambay
3. Rajasthan
4. Cauvery
5. Krishna-Godavari
6. Tripura
7. Bombay Offshore and
8. Andaman.

As on 1st January, 1986 ONGC had 424 billion cubic meters of balance recoverable reserves of natural gas.

(c) Gas is already being supplied for power generation in Maharashtra and Assam. Gas is also proposed to be supplied to 3 power stations along HBJ pipeline at Anta (Rajasthan), Auriaya (UP) and Kawas (Gujarat). These plants are expected to come up by August, 1988.

Mobile Laboratory for testing petroleum products

655. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation has recently launched a mobile laboratory for testing petroleum products in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the petrol pumps etc., on which IOC conducted raids during the last one month;

(c) what action has been taken against the petrol pumps in Delhi which were found selling adulterated petroleum products;

(d) whether Government propose to introduce such mobile laboratories in other cities also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) A mobile laboratory for testing of petroleum products in the Northern Region has been fabricated and positioned